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4. ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 based on filing in Japan of _____ (country)

	Application No.	Filing Date		Application No.	Filing Date
(1)	<u>9-280758</u>	<u>10/14/97</u>	(2)	<u>10-244643</u>	<u>08/31/98</u>
(3)	<u>10-003215</u>	<u>01/09/98</u>	(4)	<u>11-316827</u>	<u>11/08/99</u>
(5)	_____	_____	(6)	_____	_____

a. ☐ (No.) Certified copy/copies attached.

b. ☒ Certified copy/copies previously filed on December 15, 1998 in _____
U.S. Application No. 09/172,263, filed on October 14, 1998.
series code ↑ serial no. ↑

c. ☐ Certified copy/copies filed during International stage of PCT/ _____ / _____

4(a). (a) ☐ Domestic priority is claimed from PCT/ _____ / _____, filed _____.

(b) ☐ Benefit is claimed of Provisional Application No. 60/____, filed _____.

5. ☒ Assignee (optional) Olympus Optical Co., Ltd.

6. ☒ Attached is the following number of Assignments (including original and all later successive ones by different assignors): 1 and respective **new** Cover Sheets. (Do **NOT** file old cover sheets.)

(Assignments in parent **must be refiled** with new Cover Sheets in this continuing application if you want it/them recorded against the continuing application.)

Please return the recorded Assignment to the undersigned.

☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to G. Lloyd Knight, Reg. No. 17698

(Name and Reg. No.)

whose current address is as in item 8 below.

a. ☒ Recognize as associate attorney Henry J. Daley, Reg. No. 42459, 1600 Tysons Blvd., McLean, VA 22101

(Name, Reg. No. and Address)

**Address all future communications to Intellectual Property Group
of Pillsbury Winthrop LLP, 1600 Tysons Boulevard, McLean, VA 22102**

9. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

No. 09// 471,804 filed December 23, 1999

No. 09/ 172,263 filed October 14, 1998

No. / filed _____

No. PCT/ / filed _____, which

designated the U.S. and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English

9(a). ☐ See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the first page of the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US application(s)

10. **Small Entity Status →** ☒ is Not claimed ☐ is claimed (**pre-filing confirmation required**)

(No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (not essential since 9/8/00) were/are:

- ☐ filed in above prior application
☐ attached.

11. Petition to extend the life of the above prior application to at least the date hereof

(one box) ☐ is being concurrently filed in that prior application (Use Form PAT-111).

(must be) ☐ was previously filed in that prior application (Check length of prior extension).

(X'd) ☐ is not necessary for copendency (**Double check** before X'ing this box).

12. ☐ **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:** Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing all of the documents cited by Applicant and the PTO in the parent application(s) relied upon under 35 USC 120 and referenced in item 9 above. Per Rule 98(d) copies of those documents are not required now. Please consider those documents and advise that they have been considered in this new application as by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609. .
13. ☐ Attached is a Rule 103(a) Petition to Suspend Action.
14. ☒ **Please see** the attached Preliminary Amendment which reduces the number of claims for purposes of reducing the initial filing fee.

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FILING FEE

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON
-->-->-->CLAIMS AS FILED AND CHANGED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN ITEM 14<--<--<--<

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but leave lines 15-22 and 27-32 blank.

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15. Basic Filing Fee	Design Application			\$330/\$165		106/26
16. Basic Filing Fee	Utility Application			\$740/\$370	+740	101/201
17. Total Effective Claims	1	minus 20 =	0	x \$18/\$9	+0	103/203
18. Independent Claims	1	minus 3 =	1	x \$84/\$42	+0	102/202
19. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present,				\$280/\$140	+0	104/204
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21. If "petition" box 13 above is X'd, add petition fee.\$130				+0	122
21A. If box 6 above is X'd, add Assignment recording fee\$ 40				+40	581
22.				TOTAL FILING FEE ATTACHED =	\$780	

(carry forward to Item 31)

23. ☐ ATTACHED:
24. ☐ See the attached Preliminary Amendment
25. ☐ See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

26.

**ADDITIONAL FEE CALCULATION FOR
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PER BOXES 24/25**

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee	File Code
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28.	Independent Claims * 1	minus *** 3	= 0 x \$84/\$42	= + 0	(102/202)
29.	If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for the first time, add (per application)			\$280/\$140 + 0	(104/204)
30.	ADDITIONAL FEE			\$ 0	
31.	plus FEE from item 22 on page 3			+ 780	
32.	TOTAL FEE ATTACHED			\$ 780	

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CHARGE STATEMENT: Upon the filing of a Declaration pursuant to Rule 60(b) or 60(d), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficient fee only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Account/Order Nos. shown above for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.

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